

III. REMARKS

By the present amendment and reply Applicant is canceling, without prejudice to refile, all pending claims except allowed claims 22 and 23. Applicant denies that any of the pending, but rejected claims are unpatentable for the reasons stated in prior office actions. However, in order to facilitate early issuance of a patent on this important technology, applicant chooses to cancel the rejected claims in favor of allowance of claims 22-23 and intends to pursue patent protection in a continuation-type application for claims that previously have been rejected and canceled.

If any fees are due in regard to the present reply, authorization is hereby granted to charge Deposit Account 50-3725.

For all of the above reasons it is requested that a Notice of Allowance be issued in regard to claims 22 and 23.

Respectfully submitted,

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